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SUBJECT: U.S. SALE TO TUNISIAN MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

REF: LEGGIO/AMBASSADOR LETTER OF 4/21/78

1. TUNISIAN CHARGE TEKAIA WAS INFORMED BY U.S. COMPANY
JUNE 22 THAT MUNITIONS CONTROL APPLICATIONS FOR SALE OF
PISTOLS, TEAR GAS GRENADES AND GAS MASKS TO TUNISIAN
MINISTRY OF JUSTICE WERE DENIED BY DEPARTMENT BECAUSE OF
HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERN.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD BE AWARE, IN EVENT TUNISIAN FOREIGN
OFFICE BRINGS UP THIS QUESTION, THAT DEPARTMENT DID NOT
RPT NOT DENY MUNITION CONTROL APPLICATIONS BUT DID REQUEST
RESUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS IN 90 DAYS FOR RECONSIDERA-
TION. BECAUSE OF HA'S OBJECTION TO SALES, NEA DID NOT
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FEEL AT THAT TIME (APRIL), IT WAS PROPITIOUS TO TRY AND
HAVE OBJECTIONS OVERRULED (JANUARY DISTURBANCES HAD
RECENTLY CONCLUDED AND TRIALS OF ARRESTED UGTT LEADERS
WERE BEING AWAITED). INSTEAD OF ATTEMPTING TO OVERRULE HA
OBJECTIONS TO SALES, WHICH MIGHT HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL,
THEREBY CREATING BAD PRECEDENT FOR MORE IMPORTANT FMS AND
AID PROGRAMS, NEA SUGGESTED SALES BE RESUBMITTED RPT

RESUBMITTED AFTER 90 DAYS FOR RECONSIDERATION. NEA STILL
HOPES SALES CAN BE APPROVED. DECISION WILL BE INFLUENCED
BY HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN TUNISIA, PARTICULARLY
CONCERNING TRIALS FOR ARRESTED UGTT LEADERS.

3. DEPARTMENT HAS INFORMED TEKAIA THAT SALES WERE NOT
DISAPPROVED BUT WERE DELAYED FOR REASONS INDICATED ABOVE.
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